Response under Austerity Drive launched by Prime Minister

1913. SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister launched an austerity drive by announcing a 10 per cent cut in his salary, appealing other to follow suite;

(b) if so, what is the total response received so far including from MPs and Central Ministers; and

(c) what is the likely annual saving in expenditure accurable to the exchequer as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Compensation to Tamil Nadu for Loss on Account of Prohibition

1914. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tamil Nadu Government has been deprived of Rs. 200 crores for the current financial year; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not compensating the loss of Tamil Nadu since cheap liquor shops have been abolished?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) and (b) Government of Tamil Nadu has been requesting the Central Government to compensate the State for full loss of revenue on account of introduction of prohibition in the State in the current financial year. The State's request has not been agreed to as the Ninth Finance Commission, has already taken into account the estimated loss, to the extent of 70% suffered by the State on account of prohibition while assessing the resources of the State for the period 1990-91 to 1994-95. The recommendations of the Commission have already been accepted; are in force and cannot be re-opened. There is no scheme which provides for compensating the State for loss of revenue on account of probhition. The State Government has been informed.

Foreign Assistance to Projects in Kerala

1915. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the projects in Kerala, which are likely to receive financial assistance by foreign countries;

(b) the projects, which are likely to be assisted by various financial institutions such as E.E.C., U.S.A.I.D. and countries like Japan, Denmark, French, Switzerland, U.K., Canada, C.I.S., Hungary etc.; and

(c) the projects in Kerala, which are being assisted presently by these countries and organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) The donor countries normally offer assistance in terms of an overall pledge. Thereafter aid negotiations, as a continuous process, are held with each donor country for various project and non-project needs of the economy. The details of the projects which are likely to receive financial assistance by foreign countries are known only after the agreements with donor countries are finalised.

(c) Information is given in the Statement attached.

Statement

Names of the projects in Kerala which are being assisted presently by the foreign countries/organisations

S. No.	Names of the projects
1.	Kerala Social Forestry.
2.	Kerala Fisheries Prawn Culture Development.
3.	Dairy Development Project, Kerala.
4.	Kerala Rainfed Farming Development.
5.	Kerala Horticulture Development.

S. No.	Name of the projects
6.	Agriculture Markets in Kerala (Supply of Fertilizer)
7.	Coconut Programme in Kerala.
8.	Kerala Power (R.F.)
9.	Idukki Hydroelectric Phase II.
10.	Kerala Irrigation.
11.	Rural Drinking Water Supply in Kerala.
12.	Kerala Water Supply, Ciryanikill.
13.	Kerala Water Supply, Natika Firka.
14.	Kerala Water Supply, Mala,
15.	Kerala Water Supply, Kundara.
16.	Kerala Water Supply, Koipuram.
17.	Kerala. Water Supply-II, Chariyanadu.
18.	Kerala Water Supply-II. Trikkuhamezha.
19.	Kerala Water supply, Pavartty.
20.	Kerala Water Supply & Sanitation (R.F.)

Plan Allocation for Jammu and Kashmir

1916. SHRI SHABBIR AHAMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the date from which the Jammu and Kashmir State has been actually allowed 90 per cent grant in the matter of plan funds;

(b) what was the percentage of grant actually given to Jammu and Kashmir before the said date;

(c) what is the magnitude of the difference worked out if the State of Jammu and Kashmir were allowed 90 per cent grant from the inception; and

(d) whether the Centre would pay the difference alongwith interest to the State of Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) The Jammu and Kashmir State has been allowed 90 per cent grant in the matter of plan funds with effect from 1st April, 1991.

(b) The percentage of grant given to Jammu and Kashmir before 1st April, 1991 was 30 per cent, except in case of Central assistance for Ladakh section in which case the percentage was 90 per cent.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

(d) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

Opium Produced in the Country

1917. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the places and the extent to which poppy is grown in India;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Central Bureau of Narcotics monitors and controls the growth of poppy seeds and making of opium;

(c) if so, what are the quantities of opium produced and purchased by Government and at what prices; and

(d) what is the percentage of opium produced in India that goes to drug addicts and what steps have been taken to prevent this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) Cultivation of opium poppy is undertaken only in the notified tracts in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan & Uttar Pradesh under strict licensing control and supervision of the Central Bureau of Narcotics. Poppy seeds are recovered as a by-product during production of opium and are not subject to any control.

(c) The quantities of opium produced and purchased by the Government during the poppy crop year 1990-91 was 487.045 MTs. (provisional) at 70°C. Opium is purchased by the Government from poppy cultivators at the rate of Rs. 175/-per kg. for yield upto 34 kgs./ hectare at 70°C and Rs. 205/-per kg. for yield above 34 kgs./hectare at 70°C.

(d) Diversion of opium to illicit channels being a clandestine activity, exact quantity of opium so diverted cannot be quantified. To check diversion